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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Jae-cheol LEE et al.

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Examiner: Anh T.N. VO

For: INK CARTRIDGE

**COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Office Action mailed August 17, 2006.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of various claims. However, the Examiner has not recited the appropriate language for the appropriate claims as pending and allowed in the application.

By way of example, the Examiner's Reasons in the Notice of Allowability in the Office Action issued on August 17, 2006 indicated that claims 2-4 would be allowable if put into independent form. Claim 2 has been canceled and independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. In the Examiner's Reasons, the Examiner refers

to claims 2-4 reciting the first welding [part] has a first section horizontally protruded in cross-section and a second section vertically protruded to the first section, and the third welding part has a third section vertically protruded, a fourth section horizontally protruded, and a fifth section in a diagonal cross-sectional shape connecting the third section and the fourth section. However, claims 3, 4 and independent claim 26 do not recite, "the first welding [part] has a first section horizontally protruded in cross-section and a second section vertically protruded to the first section," and "the third welding part" as described by the Examiner.

The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the currently pending claims.


It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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